THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Stoppage of no express train at Chandauli Majhwar has now been withdrawn. Stoppage of 49/50 (New No. 3049/3050) Howrah-Amritsar Express at Tulsi Ashram was withdrawn with effect from 10.7.1981 due to lack of commercial justification.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Commercially not justified.

[*Translation*]

Maharajganj-Dronda Section

*6355. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharajganj in Bihar was connected with Dronda railway station on Barauni-Gorakhpur main line (NER);

(b) whether a survey was conducted to extend Dronda-Maharajganj rail section and connect it with Sidwalia station of Chapra-Thabi rail section;

(c) whether at the time of conversion of this main line from metre gauge to broad gauge Daronda-Maharajganj rail section was suddenly stopped;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to reopen the Dronda-Maharajganj rail section; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey was conducted only for conversion of Duraundha Maharajganj isolated branch line from M.G. to B.G. However, a fresh survey for gauge conversion from Duraundha to Maharajganj M.G. line into B.G. and provision for a new B.G. line from Maharajganj to Masrakh has been included in the Budget 1991-92.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Decision for re-opening conversion to B.G. would depend on results of the survey and availability of resources.

[*English*]

Modernisation of Sealdah Station

6356. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to modernise Sealdah Station; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sealdah is one of the 67 Railway Stations selected to be developed as Model Stations. The development scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 249.39 lakh. An amount of Rs. 133.03 lakh has been spent upto March, 1991 and the allocation for 1991-92 is Rs. 15.14 lakh.

Out of Turn Allotments of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Delhi and U.P.

6357. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: